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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. 2:23-cv-05885-RGK-AGR

Date February 12, 2025

Title United States of America, et al. v. Walter Kenneth, Neil, et al.

Present: The Honorable R. GARY KLAUSNER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Joseph Remigio

N/A

Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

None appearing

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**Proceedings: (IN CHAMBERS) Order to Show Cause re Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution**

Absent a showing of good cause, an action must be dismissed without prejudice if the summons and complaint are not served on a defendant within 90 days after the complaint is filed. Fed.R.Civ.Proc. 4(m). Generally, defendants must answer the complaint within 21 days after service (60 days if the defendant is the United States). Fed.R.Civ.Proc. 12(a)(1).

In the present case, it appears that one or more of these time periods has not been met. Accordingly, the court, on its own motion, orders plaintiff(s) to show cause in writing by **February 14, 2025**, why this action should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution as to certain defendant/s.

**Alternatively**, the Court will consider the following a satisfactory response to the Order to Show Cause:

	Alternative Response	Response Due Date	As to Defendant/s:
<b>X</b>	<b>Proof of <u>TIMELY AND PROPER</u> service of summons and operative complaint</b>	<b>2/14/2025</b>	<b>Barbara Bowles</b>
	Response to the operative Complaint		
	If defendant fails to respond on the date above, Plaintiff's application for entry of default by clerk pursuant to Rule 55a of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure		
	Plaintiff's motion for default judgment pursuant to Rule 55b of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure		

If a satisfactory response is not timely filed, the matter or the listed defendants will be dismissed for lack of prosecution. **A stipulation to extend dates or a notice of settlement do not constitute a proper response to this order.**

Pursuant to Rule 78 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the court finds that this matter is appropriate for submission without oral argument. Failure to comply with this order may result in the imposition of sanctions including dismissal of certain parties and/or the entire action for lack of prosecution without further warning.

Plaintiff to serve this order on any non-appearing defendant/s who have been formally served.